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ANNUAL ORCHID SALE U.S. Department of Agriculture

Just arrived from Japan. Rare ANGRAECUM FALCATUM. An exquisite, fragrant miniature that produces pink to white flowers on a spray. Plants to bloom this summer \$6.00 postpaid. Only 100 available!

NUN ORCHIDS (Phauis Grandifolius) from China. These are giant size plants that will produce 25 to 60 flowers per plant. Grows in soil. Flowers are dark golden, with a deep purple lip. Entire back of flower is silver. Exquisitely, lightly fragrant. \$10 postpaid. Only 50 available.

Bletia (striatia) a lovely lavender miniature that grows in soil (from Japan). Produces 4 to 7 flowers on a spike. \$2 each; 3 for \$5 postpaid. These will bloom this summer. About 200 left.

Vanda Poepoe (pronounced Poipoi) from Hawaii. \$3 each, 2 for \$5. May bloom this summer. Grows in full sun. Very limited supply. Light Lavender.

Vanda Joaquim \$5.50 per dozen. Grows in full sun. These are blooming size plants. Dark Lavender.

Phalaenopsis Doris. White. Also known as moth orchids. Large plants bloom practically all the time. Most plants are now in spike. Very choice plants \$8.50 to \$15 postpaid. About 75 plants left. Hurry on these.

Blc. Golden Harvest. Here is one of the most outstanding Golden Orchids in the world. A true golden yellow flower, the color of an apricot, with a contrasting purple or red lip. Mature plants or divisions are \$20, \$25, \$30 and up. I have the entire collection in the U. S. and this represents only 150 plants or so. A vigorous, outstanding bloomer, superior to any yellow I have ever seen.

DARK ENGLISH HYBRIDS Choice plants selected for darker flowers. Most of these are unnamed, but have been selected because of their fine flowers. \$10 each. Supply very small.

2 RARE WHITE GIGAS ALBAS FOR SALE: LISTED BY BAILEY as the rarest of all Cattleyas. \$200 each, or both for \$350.00. These make excellent breeders.

CONNOISSEUR'S CORNER

3 plants of my selection, in assorted colors, \$50. These are plants that I have personally bloomed and like. Each one has some outstanding characteristic that places it above any of the average orchids.

FEATHER LIP BRASSOS

These are rare Brassos, chiefly from England, such as Bc. Mars, Bc. Maronae, Bc. Afterglow. Mars is an ivory yellow, Maronae is a pale lavender with usually a green throat, and Afterglow is a dark type, usually on the Bronze side, but now and then may go into a peach shade! \$15 to \$30 each; or one of each for \$50. If you like featherlips, you will like these...or 3 smaller divisions for \$25.

SUMMERTIME IS ORCHID REPOTTING TIME!

Natural growth starts during the spring-summer and for this reason plants do best when repotted during this period. Root action is better and the shock of repotting or splitting an orchid plant is lessened when plants are repotted during the warm weather. OSMUNDA MIX, with nutrients added, gives plants a shot-in-the-arm unlike any other potting mixture. Try it and see; and if you are not amazed and delighted with it, I will refund your money! Only \$7 for 5 lbs. or \$13 for 10 lbs. postpaid. (A free potting stick given with an order for 10 lbs.)

Sincerely,
Samuel L. Presner
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